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“Tell the truth and don’t be afraid.”



News

Charleston landmark receives state grant.

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Sports

Men win, women lose in matches against St. Louis.

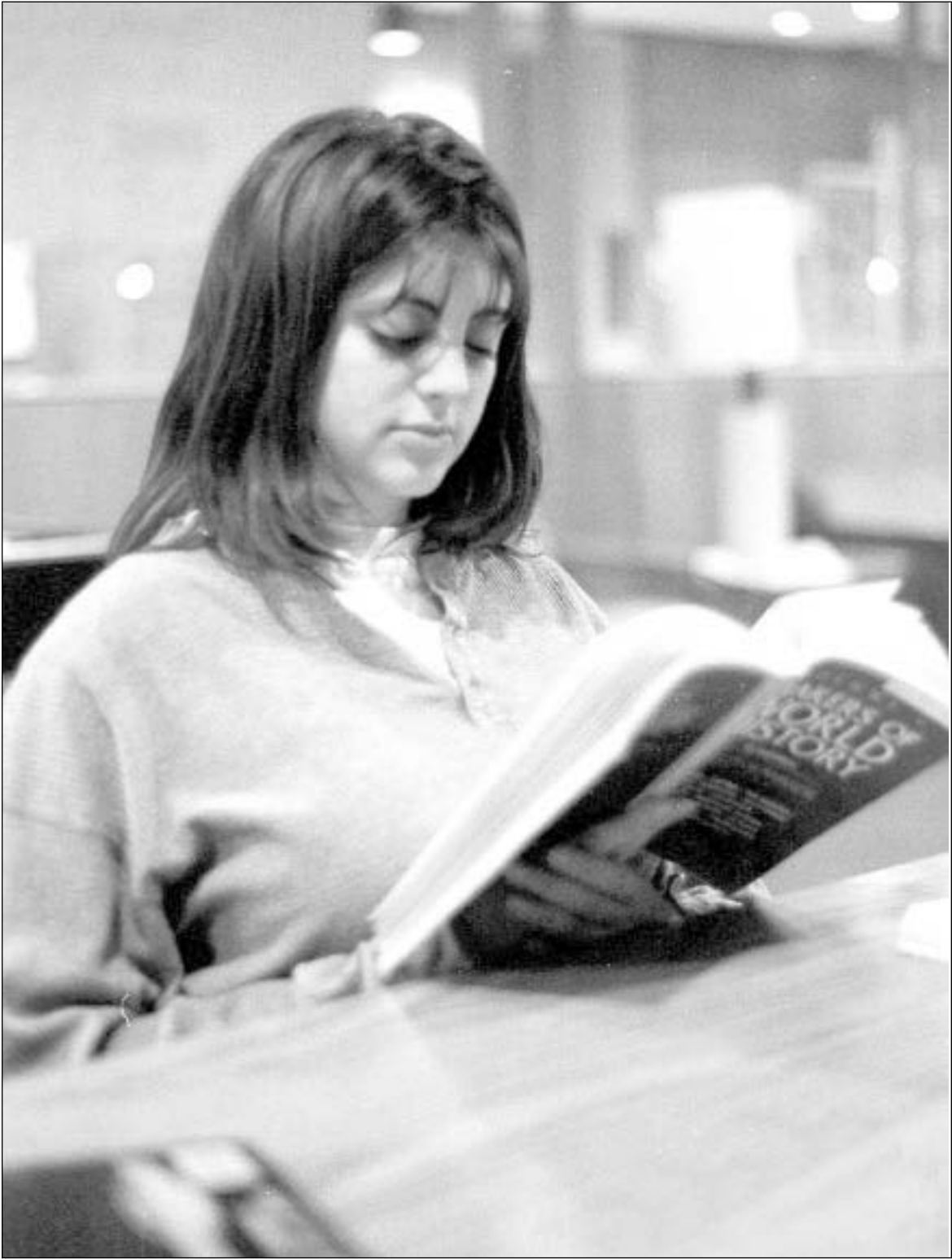
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Sports

Panthers sweep double header against Eastern Kentucky.

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Adriene Weller / Staff photographer

Crunch time

Sarah Ward, sophomore speech communication major, studies in the Taylor Hall lobby Sunday night. Ward is studying for an Ancient Civilization paper that is worth 50 percent of her grade.

Bar age, development debated

By Amber Williams
City editor

The two candidates for mayor expressed their opinions at a forum Friday about the problem of students going out of town to go to the bars and throwing house parties.

Mayoral candidates Clancy Pfeiffer and incumbent Dan Coughill were present at the Best Western Worthington Inn for the Chamber of Commerce’s Fourth Friday Luncheon and debate for the April 3 election. The candidates were given questions from the audience and were allowed two minutes each to respond.

Coughill said he does not see a large issue with house parties and students going out of town to drink.

“I am not convinced there is a horribly big problem,” Coughill said.

Since the bar entry age was raised

to 21, Coughill said complaints about house parties have dropped 71 percent, and the number of students being treated in the hospital dropped 30 percent.

On the other hand, Pfeiffer did find students’ drinking to be a problem and suggested that an all-night restaurant might be another source of entertainment for students.

A city cannot legislate morals and completely erase the drinking problem, Pfeiffer said.

“It is a problem. It was a problem 20 years ago and will be 20 years from now,” Pfeiffer said.

Pfeiffer said for the most part, he



Dan Coughill

thinks that bars try to keep underage people out, but if they do not, he would not be afraid to fine them to enforce the bar entry age of 21.

He also said students need to be held more accountable for going into bars underage.

“There needs to be a little more penalty on young people,” Pfeiffer said.

Coughill said he would continue to have the police department do occasional spot checks at the bars to make sure they are complying.

The candidates also addressed



Clancey Pfeiffer

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The house Eastern built

Campus chapter to help Habitat for Humanity build Charleston house

By Karen Kirr
Campus editor

For the first time ever, the Habitat Campus Chapter at Eastern will join Coles County’s Habitat for Humanity affiliate in the sponsoring and building of a home in Charleston.

Coles County’s Habitat for Humanity has thus far completed 10 houses, said Holly Walters, adviser for the Habitat Campus Chapter. She said they have previously built houses in Charleston, however, Eastern has never been involved in the process.

Habitat for Humanity is an international ecumenical Christian ministry dedicated to eliminating poverty housing. Participants work strictly as volunteers.

Habitat Campus Chapter’s, which began at Eastern in 1994, purpose is to fundraise, raise awareness about inadequate housing issues and to assist in constructing houses for the Christian Ministry, Walters said.

The chapter signed a contract Tuesday signifying the beginning of the building project that will break ground in September, Walters said. The location of the site has yet to be determined.

She said the Newman Catholic Center is currently

working to promote the project to staff, faculty and students on campus.

“The title of the project is ‘The House That EIU Built,’” Walters said. “We want the entire university to get involved with this project.”

Eastern previously contacted the Coles County Habitat affiliate and expressed interest in building a home in Charleston, said Suzie Bruels, president of the Coles County Habitat for Humanity. Bruels said Eastern accumulated the funds needed in order to break ground.

Walters credited the campus chapter board members who envisioned and began working on this project five years ago, even though they knew they may not be around to watch it materialize.

“Those students wanted this to happen, even though they knew they would graduate before it would begin,” she said.

Walters said the campus chapter plans to ask Recognized Student Organizations and other groups on campus to contract with them to be a part of the building project.

“(In contracting with them) we will ask for a monetary donation and a work crew of five volunteers,” Walters said.

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Hit-and-run victim in critical condition

22-year-old Charleston resident arrested, faces four charges

By Amber Williams
City editor

A Charleston resident is facing a series of charges following a car accident on Sunday morning in which he struck a pedestrian and left the scene of the accident.

Charles I. Wilson, 22, of Litchfield, struck Abby L. Irvine, 22, of Grayville at 1:10 a.m. Sunday at the intersection of First Street and Pierce Avenue. Irvine is at Carle Foundation hospital in Champaign-Urbana and is listed

in critical condition.

Wilson is being charged with aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol, leaving the scene of an accident involving personal injury, failure to yield to a pedestrian and failure to exercise due care.

Wilson was released from the Coles County jail Sunday on \$5,000 bond, with 10 percent applicable.

The case is under investigation by the Coles County State’s Attorney.

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Workshop to mend friendships

By Jennifer Rigg
Activities editor

The college years are years where many friendships are made and many friendships are broken. One fight in an apartment, dorm or bar could lead to weeks, months or even years of the silent treatment.

Karola Alford, assistant professor in the Counseling Center, has set out to try to teach students how to forgive and forget.

“Planting the Seeds of Forgiveness” is a workshop designed to teach students steps to forgiving whoever has wronged them, Alford said. The workshop begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr.

University Union.

Alford said she will first define exactly what forgiveness is and isn’t and then continue the discussion by giving students steps they can take if forgiveness is their goal. She will give students concrete steps to take and suggestions to use to begin the process of forgiveness.

Alford said she realized an hour is not enough time to heal the hurt some students have felt in past relationships.

“Some things are just way too big to take care of so quickly,” she said.

However, she said this workshop can be a starting point for those who do want to begin the process.

Alford said she plans to hit on

“(Forgiveness) can help you be a healthier person, and it can help you to trust people again.”

Karola Alford,
assistant professor
in the Counseling Center

” why it is important to forgive and the benefits of forgiveness.

“(Forgiveness) can help you be a healthier person, and it can help you to trust people again,” she said. “I’d like students to be able to learn to let go of resentments so they can live fuller happier lives.”



Kate Mitchell / Assoc. photo editor

Mind games

TraVonn Jones, sophomore business marketing major, plays chess against Branden Peterson, junior elementary education major, in Thomas Hall Room 424. The two were playing chess because, “It’s Sunday and there’s nothing better to do.”

What’s on
tap?

Practice foreign language skills while eating at Pemberton dining

By Jennifer Rigg
Activities editor

Starting tonight, every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday students will eat and enjoy speaking a second language at “Dinner and a Language.”

The program is modeled after the “Dinner and a Movie” program Friday nights on TBS, and is sponsored by International

Programs, said Sue Songer, international student adviser.

Dinner will be served in the Presidential Dining Room of Pemberton Hall beginning at 5 p.m.

The dinner, which is Pemberton Hall’s planned meal for the day, can be purchased for \$5.75 from a student’s Panther Card or with cash, Songer said.

She said attendees can enjoy dining and conversation in French on Monday nights, Spanish on Tuesday nights and German on Wednesday nights.

“It’s a chance to enjoy speaking your first language or practice your second language in the beautiful Presidential Dining Room,” Songer said.

The program was put into place for the rest of the semester to encourage foreign language on

campus, she said.

“We’re targeting students who have studied abroad or who plan to study abroad and to help students develop their language,” Songer said. “It’s also a good opportunity for international students to speak their first language.”

For more information on “Dinner and a Language,” students can call Songer at 581-7487.

Today

7:30 p.m., “Planting the Seeds of Forgiveness,” Charleston/Mattoon Room, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

3 p.m., Magellan Exchange delegation from Finland, Lumpkin Atrium.

6 p.m., “Women in Dance,” Grand Ballroom, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Tuesday

6-6:45 p.m. and 7-7:45 p.m., Raptor Show, University Ballroom, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

8:30-11:30 p.m., Campus Perks’ Open Mic Night, 7th Street Underground, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

6 p.m., “One Woman, One Vote,” Women’s Resource Center, Basement, Stevenson Hall.

Wednesday

4 p.m., “Fast Food Women” movie, Women’s Resource Center, Basement, Stevenson Hall.

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Each week, The Daily Eastern News online will have a poll relating to campus, city and national issues. Log on each week to vote and see what others have to say about the issues.

This week vote on how much you use the Panther Express shuttle bus service. Log on and vote at: thedailyeasternnews.com

Haiti connection fasting to promote nonviolence

Last time group participated in fast was 1995

By Karen Kirr
Campus editor

Members of the Haiti Connection at Eastern and the Newman Catholic Center will fast for six days beginning Friday, March 25.

The purpose of the fast is to stand in solidarity with the School of the Americas Watch's Days of Resistance, said Roy Lanham, campus minister and director for the Newman Center.

The Haiti Connection is a group of activists who stand against non-violence in Haiti and South America, Lanham said.

The School of the Americas was established in Panama by the U.S. Army in 1946. It was set up to train soldiers from foreign nations, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean, a press release said.

The purpose of this training was to teach the soldiers democratic values.

"The students have researched the School of Americas and they really wanted to do this (fast)," Lanham said. "Every 24 hours a new person from the group will fast."

He said one member of the group will attempt to fast by only consuming liquids for the entire period of six days.

Lanham said the last time Haiti Connection participated in the fast was 1995.

"Fasting is about linking yourself to a cause," he said. "It is about connecting yourself with the oppressed and the hungry."

People are invited to get involved by attending the vigils, rallies and fasting that will occur in Washington D.C. this coming weekend for the Days of Resistance, Lanham said.

“Fasting is about linking yourself to a cause. It is about connecting yourself with the oppressed and the hungry.”

Roy Lanham,
Newman Center director

“He said he is proud of the connection's participation in the Days of Resistance.

"The beauty of the fast is that we are going to stand against nonviolence."



Adriene Weller/Staff photographer

Chalked up

Louis Barlock, freshman undecided major, practices pool Sunday night in the Thomas Hall lobby. Barlock, finished with the day's homework, chose to play pool due to lack of interest in the Oscars.

Dean candidate would focus to 'turn out quality graduates'

By Ben Turner
Staff writer

If given the position of dean in the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences, Mike Boorum said he would concentrate turning out quality graduates.

Boorum, current chair of Eastern's School of Business and one of two final candidates for the position of dean in the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences, met with students Thursday to discuss issues and answer questions.

Boorum said he would concentrate on doing the best to turn out quality graduates while maintaining the quality programs that already exist at Eastern.

Boorum offered one statement

he believed would sum up his ambition and goals while at Eastern.

"I think I have the people skills to pull the faculty and students together to be productive," Boorum said.

"My background is in sales, and so my listening and communication skills are finely honed," Boorum said. "My parents were in the service while I was growing up, and thus I am good at making new friends and relationships quickly."

Issues about budget cutbacks also were discussed.

Boorum said cutbacks were going to take place, but he pledged to not let them effect enrollment and said he will make an effort to increase enrollment.

Boorum previously was an assistant dean at a small commuter

school in California before becoming chair of the Eastern's School of Business on Jan. 2. He attended the University of South Florida at Tampa Bay where he earned his Ph.D. in marketing.

The previous dean of Lumpkin Ted Ivarie, retired Dec. 31, 2000, after 21 years as dean. Under his leadership, Eastern's business program became accredited and reaffirmed.

Additionally, during Ivarie's tenure, Lumpkin Hall was funded and built when the College of Applied Science and the College of Business were merged.

The other candidate for dean, Barbara Nemecek, who currently works for the University of Montana, will be on campus Monday for interviews.

Faculty Senate will hear presentation on closing Seventh St.

By Joseph Ryan
Administration editor

Faculty Senate members will be meeting Tuesday in the Kansas Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to hear a presentation on the closing of Seventh Street and the construction of the Fine Arts Center.

"I believe it will be the architects of the construction that will be hosting the presentation," said Vice Chair Bud Fischer, biological sciences professor.

The \$53.8 million Fine Arts Center project will be constructed to stretch across Seventh Street from the current location of the Dounda Fine Arts Center to the land adjacent to and including the Clinical Service Building.

Seventh Street will be permanently closed and a cul-de-sac will be constructed along Garfield Avenue, providing access to the facility.

In addition to renovating and expanding the current fine arts

facility across Seventh Street, the university will demolish the "glass wing" portion of the current facility that houses the Art Department and labs.


The Clinical Service Building is also scheduled to be demolished to accommodate the Fine Arts Center.

Fischer, who is also chair of the elections committee, said the committee is still looking to receive more petitions for the campus committee and council elections.

"We have received quite a bit, but we could still use a lot more," Fischer said.

The petitions for 30 available positions on 10 different campus committees and councils are due to Fisher by Friday and the elections are scheduled to be held April 11 and 12.

Specific information concerning the available positions can be attained on the Faculty Senate Web site, which is linked through Eastern's web page.



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Getting testy

Universities and colleges across the country are taking a harder look at what they require of students who apply for admission to their schools. Included in these requirements are SAT and ACT test scores, a requirement that some schools are taking out of the equation.

Although these tests have been proven to be unfair to some ethnic and racial groups, or to students from different socio-economic backgrounds, getting rid of them completely is not the answer. All different judging

Admission criteria

Eastern is correct in keeping ACT scores in mind when considering potential students.

points can be unfair, depending on the student.

What Eastern has decided to do is look farther into aspects other than ACT scores. These scores, however, are still going to

be included in the overall view of each student.

It can be argued that any part of the criteria that applicants have to meet is biased against certain groups. Grade point averages mean different things at different schools because of weighted grades. For example, a valedictorian at a school from the Chicago suburbs arguably had more competition from a larger graduating class than a valedictorian from a school in rural Illinois.

If the ACT or SAT scores of students were not looked at, other criteria would be looked at more closely. And that would lead to problems for other students.

The best way to solve the issue of bias in testing is to only use the testing as part of the overall selection process. Eastern is right on target.

Eastern has decided to take grade point averages into account in its selection process from now on. In the past, grade point average was required on applications, but it was not counted in the overall selection process. Now, all the university has to do is look at the GPA box on the current applications.

The ACT and SAT tests are important tools for measuring student learning and intelligence. To get rid of them altogether would be foolish.

Many aspects are needed to make well-rounded students, and all of them should be considered when selecting students.

The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Today's quote

“Education is learning what you didn't even know you didn't know.”

Daniel J. Boorstin
author, b.1914

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Shuttle bus out of time and chances

I've learned a lot in my life, and one thing I've learned is to be patient and to work through problems for something that's worth it. Did poorly on a test? Keep studying and don't give up, you'll do better. Had a fight with a good friend? Work it out and overcome the problem, so you don't lose a good friend.

On the other hand, some things just aren't worth it. Specifically, the shuttle bus. Since the shuttle bus' introduction three years ago, there have been problems. Every new idea is going to need time to work properly and to find the best way for it to be useful, but when is enough enough?

Instead of getting better, the problems have gotten worse. A few weeks ago, H & H Transportation, the company that runs the Panther Express, first terminated its service without any notice. The university let the company off the hook with no penalty because H & H said, because of an accounting mistake, its bid to run the service was too low. Their bid wasn't off by just a little, either – they wanted another \$20,000.

Mistakes happen, and normally you just live with them. Usually a company would not get out of a contract so easily, but Eastern let the shuttle bus run before H & H attained a performance bond, which helps guarantee a contract is fulfilled.

The bus service resumed Thursday, but we now have half the service for the same cost. Adam Weyhaupt, speaker of the Student Senate, said “Some could say, and I won't disagree, that the students are getting screwed.”

Yes, we're getting screwed. It's fine for now that the university patched things up as best it could with H & H. Since we've already paid for the service, we might as well get something for the rest of year. But we need to remember this in the future.

Forget sending out for new bids. Forget considering H & H while trying to figure out the best service again. Even if the university doesn't make the same mistake again of running a bus without a guarantee, it's not worth it. Obviously, at this point, we should have learned the bus is not worth the troubles.

The company messed up, and I'm all for forgiveness and moving on, but sometimes someone can be forgiven while the mistake is remembered. If the service was really neccessary,



Michelle Jones
Associate news editor

“Obviously, at this point, we should have learned the bus is not worth the troubles.”

King Jr. University Union.

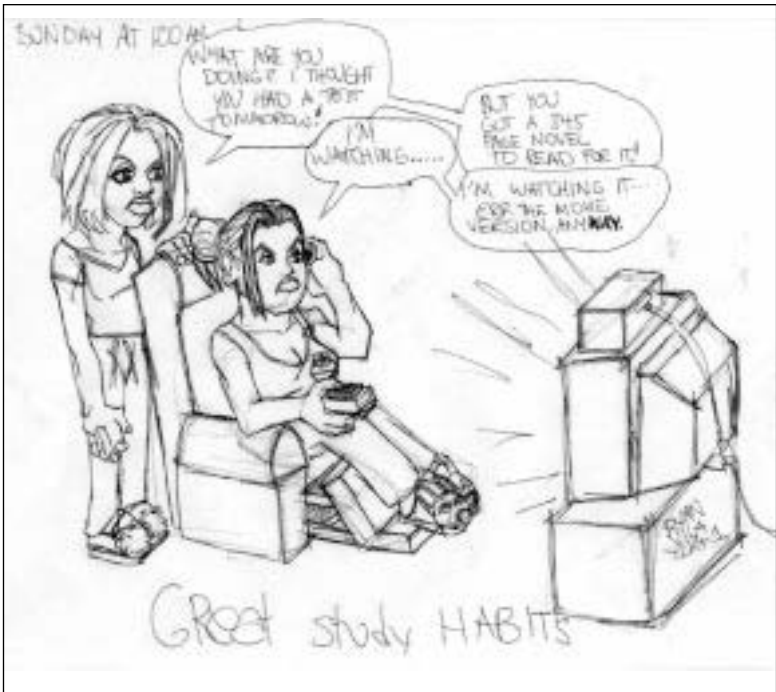
I admit that, for people who don't have a car, the bus could be a nice service to get to Wal-Mart and Showplace 8 every now and then, but I don't have a car and I've managed to get by just fine. The one time I tried using the bus, it didn't even show up.

And using the bus to get to the bars every weekend? We don't need to be paying money for a bar shuttle bus – that's not the purpose of the Panther Express. I don't want people to drink and drive, but there should be another solution. In fact, there is – the Mother's shuttle.

Students pay a lot of money in fees at this university. They often complain they are paying for things they never use, like the athletic fee or the Health Services fee, but those things are important. People say they did not want an increase in the shuttle bus fee because they never used the bus, but that same argument can be made for those other fees as well. The difference lies in the importance of the services the fees are providing. We need athletic events, and we need technology in the classrooms. We do not need to pay \$5.60 a semester — and what will probably be more if the bus service continues — for something we could easily do without.

There comes a point where people need to realize their efforts are being wasted, when being patient and working through a problem is not working. Study harder to do better on a test, compromise and communicate with that friend, but don't waste time trying to fix the shuttle bus. It's not needed, and money can be better spent.

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Women's history still important today

After the demise of matriarchal society, the lives of women became very cheap. Their status as property (bride price, et.al) became a crushing prison.

Some few after the enlightenment have garnered some respect, but no power, Elizabethans aside.

In the United States during the late 19th and early 20th centuries, women (always a majority), usually rich matrons standing close to old white males in power, sensed change and began their crusade acquiring the vote.

However, reality is another matter. The upper class understood mechanical wars had to be fought out by the toiling

Your turn

Letters to the editor

masses, women included. To insure willingness by both sexes a modicum of truth mixed with lies had to be cooked in order to convince those about to die in these wars that dying would not be in vain, but in their own and posterity's self-interest.

Hence the vote, and recognition of their physical existence percolated into common cause with the bourgeoisie, who feign virtue.

After World War II, ambivalence took root (as women sought true liberation) in males that would return women to slavery and the vote be damned!

From the 1960s to the present the

surge for emancipation by women waxes and wanes.

The common myth that women are equal in capitalist society lacks reality in the laws made and enforced by chauvinist pigs in both high and low venues.

Women's history cries for release of body, mind and spiritual freedom.

Freedom of body to use and choose, of mind to soar intellectually, of spirit by cutting away the callous of male domination. The worst of slavery is best served when it is least obvious. On to the worker's state and sisterhood. After all, Lucy, our common black mother, suckled us all.

Michael Strange
Charleston resident

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Five-Mile House awarded grant money for help with rehabilitation

By Terri Manser
Staff writer

The Five-Mile House, a Coles County historical landmark, was awarded \$25,000 from the 2001 Heritage Grant Awards.

The grants, which were awarded to 28 different causes, are part of an effort to help not-for-profit organizations and local governments rehabilitate historic properties.

“Illinois’ historic structures are valuable resources that we must preserve and enhance for future generations,” said Gov. George H. Ryan when he announced the recipients on March 20.

The Five-Mile House, which is located on the corner of Westfield Road in Charleston, was built in

1836 and served as an inn and a tavern, said Dan Thornburgh, president of the Five-Mile House Foundation. It was also a stage coach stop at one point.

Its historical value comes from when President Lincoln went to visit sergeants there in the 1800s, Thornburgh said. It was later designated as a historical site by the Coles County Preservation Society.

Thornburgh said they applied for the grant in the hopes of getting some financial assistance to put towards saving the Five-Mile House.

“As a not-for-profit organization we were interested in this state heritage program, and we decided to apply for funding,” Thornburgh said.

The money will be used to replace the ceiling and to make repairs on various other parts of the house, Thornburgh said.

In order to qualify for the grants, the property had to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places, contribute to a National Register historic district, be designated a landmark under a local preservation ordinance or contribute to a locally designated historic district, said David Blanchette of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

Blanchette said the agency received \$500,000 in funding for the Heritage Grant Program, and 28 out of 73 of the organizations that applied were awarded some financial assistance.



File Photo

Pictured above is the Five-Mile House, a Coles County historical landmark, that was recently awarded \$25,000 from the 2001 Heritage Grant Awards.

Disputes delay defense funds in Miami Indians lawsuit

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — A group of landowners fighting a claim to their land by the Miami Indians are still awaiting a defense fund promised by the state.

A disagreement between leaders of the Illinois House and Senate on whether the money for the defense fund should be included in an addition to this year’s budget is behind the delay.

Each chamber has passed a different version of the supplemental appropriations bill, which gives certain agencies extra money to make it through the end of the budget year, June 31.

The defense fund, signed into law by Gov. George Ryan in January, law allows the Attorney General Jim Ryan to spend up to \$100,000 from his office’s contractual services budget to reimburse the landowners’ attorney at a rate of up to \$200 an hour, the same rate special attorneys general are paid. But no money has been budgeted for that purpose.

The House passed a budget addition late Wednesday that included the \$100,000 for the defense fund.

“The local landowners fighting off this attempted land grab were promised this money, and we made sure it was there,” said state Rep. Bill Black, R-Danville.

The version of the budget addition the Senate passed two weeks ago did not include the money for the

defense fund. That doesn’t mean that the Senate plans to withhold the money from the landowners, said Patty Schuh, spokesman for Senate President James “Pate” Philip, R-

“At this point, everything is still up for discussion. I think the Legislature has the full intention of ensuring that the money is there for that.”

Patty Schuh,
Spokesman for James Philip

Wood Dale.

“At this point, everything is still up for discussion,” she said. “I think the Legislature has the full intention of ensuring that the money is there for that.”

A lawsuit by the Miami tribe contends that it never surrendered land in the Wabash River watershed in east-central Illinois that now includes some of the state’s richest corn and soybean fields and the University of Illinois as part of an 1805 treaty.

The tribe is suing 15 landowners — one for each of the 15 counties whose land the tribe contends it owns — to recover those 2.6 million acres.



Sara Figiel/Photo editor

Getting the jitters

Jitters and Bliss, the new coffee and treats shop on Lincoln Avenue, pulled in many Charleston residents and Eastern students over its first weekend in business. Sunday evening a variety of people gathered in the shop to talk and enjoy coffee and deserts.

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Study finds college prep test courses has only small effect

NEW YORK (AP) — Preparation courses for college admission tests have only a small effect on scores, contradicting the claims of a multi-million-dollar industry, an independent study concludes.

The study, reported in the current issue of *Chance*, a magazine of the American Statistical Association, found that the average gain from coaching was no more than about 20 points on the 1,600-point SAT test, *The New York Times* reported Sunday.

The author, Derek Briggs, a doctoral student in education at the University of California at Berkeley, based his conclusions on an analysis of data in a national survey by the Department of Education, which follows a representative sample of students from eighth grade through high school and beyond.

Briggs' study also found that students taking the ACT, a test used by many colleges that do not use the SAT, produced similarly small

improvements in English and math.

Each year, 2 million high school students take the SAT and 1.8 million the ACT. An unknown number take both. Ten percent to 12 percent of them sign up for commercial coaching programs, which may cost \$700 to \$3,000 for a course or \$450 an hour for a private tutor, the *Times* said.

The study supports the long-standing contention of the College Board, which sponsors the SAT, that test coaching has little effect.

But it did not differentiate between intensive and expensive preparation courses that may last for months, and short, even one-day courses. Officials of major preparation companies said this failing called the results into question. Also, the study compared students who chose coaching to those who did not, rather than randomly assigning students to one group or another.

There are big differences between test preparation courses,

said Seppy Basili, vice president for learning and assessment at Kaplan Inc., a leading test preparation company.

"What we've seen over the past 15 years is this huge increase in weekend courses and one-day courses," Basili told the *Times*. Kaplan's courses, which cost \$800, last three months.

He said the company's own surveys showed that students' SAT scores increased by an average of 120 points.

Though the study avoided many drawbacks of previous ones, it was not ideal because students were not randomly assigned to groups, said Dr. James Robins, a professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Robins also said that at highly competitive colleges, any advantage, even 30 or 40 points in an SAT score, could make a difference between being accepted and being rejected.

As suburbs grow, so do most businesses, commuting times

URBANA, Md. (AP) — The suburbs are not where they used to be.

In the unending quest to find an affordable home, Americans who work in big cities are moving even farther out and redefining the suburban boundaries.

This trend has turned once tranquil towns like Urbana, about 40 miles northwest of downtown Washington, D.C., and 50 miles west of Baltimore, into pit stops for harried commuters from those cities.

For communities from New York to Colorado, that means coping with big-city problems — traffic, sprawl and crime. But the boom does have its benefits, especially for service-oriented businesses such as gas stations, restaurants and dry cleaners.

"We sell a lot of coffee. Sometimes it's hard to keep up. They start coming in here at 4:30 in the morning," Jeff Jernigan said as he surveyed the new park-and-ride lots across the street from the gas station he works at off Interstate 270. During the morning rush, it can take more than an hour to get from Urbana to Washington or Baltimore.

Demographers long predicted the 2000 census would show the country was on its way to becoming more suburbanized. But for suburbanites

there before the new crush, the statistics gave them concrete evidence of bulging big-city commuter belts since 1990.

For instance:

—Population continues farther north and west of New York. Fairfield County in southwestern Connecticut, which is closest to New York, became that state's most populous county. Double-digit population growth was also seen in town and villages in Orange County, N.Y., and three counties in northeastern Pennsylvania. Those commutes into the city can take as long as three hours.

—In Forsyth County, Ga., new schools and subdivisions are dotting the landscape as growth pushes north of Atlanta. The county led the state with 123 percent growth the past decade. "I wish it would stop," elementary school teacher Melanie Kendrix said. "I wish the growing would stop before it gets bad."

—Frederick County, Md., where Urbana is located, grew 30 percent, faster than Baltimore County and two other Maryland counties closer to Washington.

—People keep moving into the communities farther away from Denver. Douglas County, to the

south, grew 191 percent.

Though Loveland, Colo., north of Denver, is not really thought to be a Denver suburb, resident Marie Renner pointed to signs that more people are willing to make the one-hour drive south every day. Loveland's population swelled by 36 percent.

"There's lots of sprawl. New developments going up everywhere," said Renner who moved to Loveland from Ohio seven years ago. "And then there's the traffic. But at least it still not like New York City."

Blame it on the continued determination of Americans to own their own home, said demographer Martha Farnsworth Riche, former head of the Census Bureau.

"Our tradition of every person wanting their own mini-estate is very, very strong," Riche said.

In many places, the suburbs have become the commuting destinations themselves for workers venturing farther out or making a "reverse commute" from a city. That is the case with high-tech companies in the northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, and the interstate corridors in New Jersey that connect New York with Philadelphia.

world inbrief

British army digs pits to bury slaughtered animals

LONDON (AP) — As Britain struggled to keep up with the disposal of slaughtered livestock, the army started digging huge pits at an old air base on Sunday for the mass burial of up to 500,000 carcasses from the foot-and-mouth epidemic.

Earthmovers scooped out huge trenches at an abandoned airfield at Great Orton in Cumbria county, northwest England, with more than 190 cases the region worst hit by the highly infectious disease.

Brigadier Alex Birtwistle, who is leading the operation, said the army was licensed to

bury up to half a million animals in the mass grave.

"We have about 500,000 sheep to take out of farms live and bring to be slaughtered in the most humane way — it is an apocalyptic task," Birtwistle said.

The government has said Britain will slaughter nearly all livestock on farms adjacent to foot-and-mouth infection sites in an effort to contain the disease.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on Sunday confirmed 27 new cases of the disease, including more than a dozen in Cumbria, bringing the total to 597. Some scientists believe this could spiral to 4,000 by June.

In the Netherlands, government officials confirmed a new case of foot-and-mouth disease Sunday at a farm in the northeastern town of Oene in the province of Gelderland, bringing the number of infected farms in that country to five.

Stars opt for glamour on Oscar red carpet

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The stars strove for a combination of excitement and tradition in the Academy Awards' other competition Sunday — the unofficial one for best-dressed celebrity.

"I just wanted to feel and look like a movie star," said Marcia Gay Harden, nominated for best supporting actress nominee for "Pollock." She arrived on the red carpet in a strapless, dark-red dress with matching wrap.

Joan Allen, nominated for best actress for "The Contender," wore a sequined coral turtleneck halter gown designed by Michael Kors.

Allen, whose hair was in a bob, said it took "about five hours" to achieve her simple yet elegant look.

Julia Roberts, whom many designers were hoping to dress, ended up opting for a vintage Valentino — a black gown with white straps forming a "Y" down the front. She matched beau Benjamin Bratt, who wore a black tux and white-on-white tie and shirt.

Being seen in the "right" gown or tux draws more than just oohs and ahhs from the celebrity watchers gathered outside the Shrine Auditorium. It can be worth millions in free publicity for a designer and a star whose outfit is pictured, again and again, in newspapers and magazines.

"I wanted a dress that is fun and elegant," said CoCo Lee, there to sing the best original song nominee "A Love Before Time."

She chose a Chanel gown constructed of panels of multicolored sequins down the front, with blocked, pleated and gathered material in the back.

"Very vibrant," she described it.

Many of the men opted for traditional black tie and tails, including Sting, nominated for best original song for "My Funny Friend and Me" from the "The Emperor's New Groove." He and his son arrived in matching Gucci tuxedos.

Throwing out tradition altogether was Joaquin Phoenix, nominated for best supporting actor for "Gladiator." Phoenix walked down the red carpet chewing gum and clutching a bottle of water. With his white shirt untucked and his hair uncombed, he seemed to have a lock on the most-unkept award.

Director Cameron Crowe, meanwhile, chose Armani, as did his wife, Nancy Wilson. Wilson's long black, satin gown was seeded at the top with rhinestones, and she accessorized it with elbow-length, black satin gloves.

Wilson of the rock group Heart said she sought a "classic yet slightly rocking" look.

More possible trouble spots ahead for stock market

NEW YORK (AP) — After two of the most gut-wrenching weeks in recent Wall Street history, investors are anxious to know when the stock market is going to turn around and move higher.

Given the current state of the economy, in which corporate layoffs and restructuring have replaced the rapid expansions of recent years, a comeback isn't quite so simple. The market is likely to face more vulnerable

times.

"I'm not holding out hope any time soon" for a turnaround, said Gary Kaltbaum, a market technician for First Union Securities. He said stocks still are overvalued and that investors will be grappling with earnings disappointments all year.

"The Dow stocks are just now playing catch up. The voracity of selling leads me to believe that any rally will also be sellable," Kaltbaum said.

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Nun looks to chart course to combine physics, faith

TINLEY PARK, (AP) — Had Sister Noel Dreska been in Kansas during the 1999 controversy over whether children should be taught evolutionary concepts, she might have found herself embroiled in all the hullabaloo.

Dreska, head of the physics department at Lewis University in Romeoville, teaches a course that combines physics and religion.

"I try to show there is no incompatibility between Darwin's theory (of evolution) and the belief in a creator," she said.

Dreska was glad to see the Kansas State Board of Education vote last month to resume teaching the theory of evolution.

"It was a foolish controversy," she said.

Dreska has taught physics at Lewis for 30 years, but didn't start teaching the Physics and Faith course until 1998. In 1995, she read

about grants available through the Templeton Foundation, which was looking for scientists and theologians interested in getting together to learn how to teach a course combining science and religion.

In 1996, she attended a workshop on the issue at the University of Toronto. After she returned, she was in the Lewis cafeteria talking to a colleague about her interest in developing such a course when Brother James Gaffney, president of Lewis University, overheard her conversation. Interested in what she was talking about, Gaffney offered to be her theology consultant for the course.

"That inspired me to really work at it," she said.

Dreska submitted her plans for the new course to Templeton, and the foundation awarded her a \$10,000 grant to help buy support materials for the course. Dreska taught the first course in fall 1998,

and Gaffney spent about two-thirds of the semester helping her teach it. She's now teaching the course for the third time.

Most challenging for her is leading the class discussions. Being a physics instructor, she has no problem answering questions in physics and math classes because it's all black and white.

"I'm not accustomed to gray areas," she said. "The humanities professors at Lewis don't give me any sympathy — they go through it all the time."

Despite her relationship with God, Dreska says she has no problem with the course's subject matter. The way she sees it, evolution is the way in which God chose to create. The course covers a principle that implies that, from the beginning, the universe seems to have been created in such a way that man would ultimately exist, Dreska explained.

Peoria refuses to recognize citizen's work as entertainer

PEORIA, (AP) — Richard Pryor grew up on the wrong side of the tracks in Peoria, honing the humor and developing the characters that would help him emerge from the city's downtrodden South Side to become a premier comedian and actor.

But for decades, citing Pryor's raunchy material and checkered personal life, the city that shaped the groundbreaking entertainer's comedy has refused to officially recognize his contributions. That may be about to change, thanks to a grass-roots effort by fans who consider it shameful that the city hasn't paid Pryor tribute.

The City Council last week directed staffers to study the feasibility of renaming a street after the 60-year-old entertainer, and also is considering renaming the Civic Center's theater on his behalf.

"We've got to take the good with the bad, but I think his legacy is good overall," said Peoria resident Mark Luthy, who urged the City Council on Tuesday to recognize Pryor.

Peoria resident Marc Porch, who grew up in Pryor's old neighborhood, began a petition drive in October to get a street named for the entertainer and has collected more than 1,000 signatures. The effort gained momentum earlier this month when Journal Star

columnist Phil Luciano campaigned in the newspaper for official recognition for Pryor.

Luciano, who had tried eight years ago to stir interest in the issue, said it's "just crazy" that Peoria has ignored its most famous son. He said the voluminous response he's received is running about 60-40 in favor of honoring Pryor, although some opponents are strident.

One e-mail from a married couple said Luciano should be ashamed of standing up for Pryor. "He is in our estimation probably the most foul-mouthed person in movies and on television, and one who has been instrumental in corrupting the minds of our youths," they wrote.

"They hate him," Luciano said. "They just don't understand that what was in his act is what he saw here on the streets. I mean, he grew up in a brothel on the South Side and, yeah, there were swear words."

As depicted in his semi-autobiographical 1985 film, "Jo Jo Dancer, Your Life is Calling," Pryor spent much of his early years in a brothel run by his grandmother. He dropped out of Peoria Central High School at age 16 and began showcasing his talents at local clubs after his father kicked him out.

Debated

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The strip mall that is being built by the Wal-Mart Supercenter gives new businesses a place to go, when three years ago there were not open commercial spots that a small business could go into, Cougill said. He also would like to continue working with Coles Together to market Charleston to different businesses and

restaurants.

Pfeiffer said the city needs to expand more east and west and build more around the square.

"I do not want to give up on the square," Pfeiffer said.

Both candidates said they are not being endorsed by any organizations and are not seeking any endorsements.

In his closing remarks, Cougill said citizens should stick with him because he involves citizens in the planning of the city. He then accused

Pfeiffer of being a member of the "good-old-boy network" who makes the city's decisions in coffee houses out of the public eye.

"Do you want to continue going forward ... or do you want to go back to the 'good-old-boy network?'" Cougill asked.

Pfeiffer said in his final statement that he is a serious candidate and is interested in working for Charleston.

"I have a serious side, and my serious side when it comes to Charleston is very serious," Pfeiffer said.

House

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would work a couple of times each semester.

Next year's Alternative Spring Break program, sponsored by the Newman Catholic Center, will have its habitat site held in Charleston rather than having students assist with one of the construction projects in another state, Walters said.

"Why travel somewhere else when we will be working on a house right here in Charleston," she said. "If we can get a small crew that would be great."

Walters said the chapter hopes to have the house com-

pleted sometime in April of 2002. Designated work hours for volunteers will be from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. each Saturday after they officially break ground.

"Lunch will be served to all of the volunteers," she said.

The chapter is hoping to recruit alums over homecoming weekend to aid in the building of the home as well as families to assist over parents week, she said.

Habitat for Humanity Houses built are usually modest two or three bedroom homes, Walters said.

She said the chapter will search for a family, this coming April, to eventually occupy the home.

"The family will be able to choose the floor plans,"

Walters said. "The family also helps build the home with the volunteers," she said.

Bruels said there is also a support family who will mentor the new homeowner of the house.

Walters said the eventual occupants of the home agree on what are called sweat equity hours. These are set hours in which the family agrees to work on the home, she said.

"The home is purchased by the family when it is complete with no interest," Walters said. "An affiliate of Coles County sets up the mortgage with the family."

Walters was ecstatic about Eastern's involvement in the building project.

"I am so proud of the students," she said. "They have

worked their tails off. Everyone will learn a lot."

Walters said she is hopeful graduating students will spread the word about Habitat for Humanity in whatever community they eventually settle in.

"I think other communities will really benefit from this," she said.

Bruels emphasized that everyone must understand there are many other aspects involved in the project besides the constructing stage.

"Construction is only a small portion of the project," Bruels said. "Other abilities are involved to make it all happen. All talents are needed for all of the areas."

She said everyone must be aware of the various avenues that constitute the building

project.

"I think it will be a good public relations for habitat here in Coles County," Bruels said.

Meals for volunteers will be needed when the project begins, as well as bookkeeping skills and people to help with the paperwork, she said.

Bruels said monetary donations are also now being accepted. The donations will go toward roofing, insulation and other materials the project requires, she said.

"Anything in excess of the housing cost will go toward future habitat projects," Bruels said.

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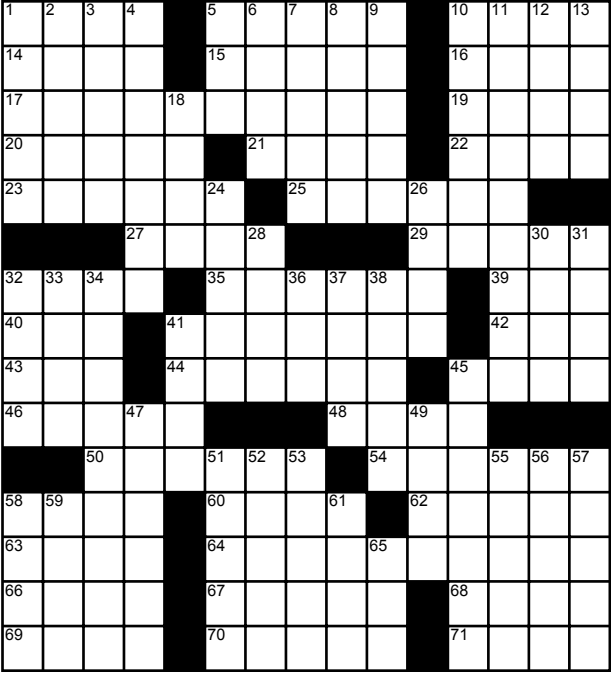
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- 1 Chooses, with "for"
 - 5 Soup scooper
 - 10 Follow orders
 - 14 Pronoun in a wedding pledge
 - 15 Kayak paddler
 - 16 Boorish
 - 17 Bees?
 - 19 Rake ____ (get rich)
 - 20 ____ nous (between us)
 - 21 Podium feature
 - 22 Giant Mel and others
 - 23 Listen to again, as arguments
 - 25 ____ Beach, S.C.
 - 27 It's below the knee
 - 29 Any "Seinfeld" episode now

- 32 Fly traps
- 35 Bluto's rival
- 39 Blubber
- 40 Egg cells
- 41 Foot, informally
- 42 Bring into play
- 43 Women's ____
- 44 Hereditary
- 45 Falling-out
- 46 Small handbill
- 48 Besides that
- 50 They're rough on golf greens
- 54 "Oh, what am I to do?"
- 58 Dressed
- 60 Particles in particle accelerators
- 62 A 10-, 11- or 12-year old
- 63 Take to the trail
- 64 Kind of contract

- 66 Continuously
- 67 Jungle vine
- 68 Border
- 69 Clutter
- 70 Put an ____ (halt)
- 71 Not a natural blonde

- DOWN**
- 1 "On the hand ..."
 - 2 Call
 - 3 The last amendment in the Bill of Rights
 - 4 Woman with a future?
 - 5 See 58-Down
 - 6 Grad
 - 7 Casual Friday wear
 - 8 Like a four-leaf clover
 - 9 Cousin of chlo-roform
 - 10 Baltimore bird
 - 11 Yellow flower
 - 12 Blue-pencil
 - 13 Hankerings
 - 18 "You bet"
 - 24 Wisconsin college or its town
 - 26 Squirrel's home
 - 28 Shootout time, maybe
 - 30 ____ Major
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Former student sues over quality of air

GENEVA (AP) — A former student at St. Charles East High School has filed a lawsuit claiming that the school made her sick.

Elizabeth Steinberg blames high mold counts and poor air quality at the school for headaches, fatigue and a chronic sinus infection that plagues her nearly three years after she stopped regularly attending the school. Her lawsuit, filed last week

in Kane County Circuit Court, accuses the school district of failing to address those problems.

Steinberg attended the school for three years until her parents and doctors persuaded her to spend her senior year at another school. She graduated in 1999, and she and her parents now live in Ohio.

The cause of her health problems was never determined, but

Steinberg’s attorney said her doctors attributed them to the high school.

“She was clearly better off when she wasn’t in the high school,” attorney Michael Childress said.

Steinberg’s lawsuit alleges the district knew about environmental problems for several years, but did not notify parents, students and teachers. The lawsuit, which seeks \$50,000 in damages, also claims the

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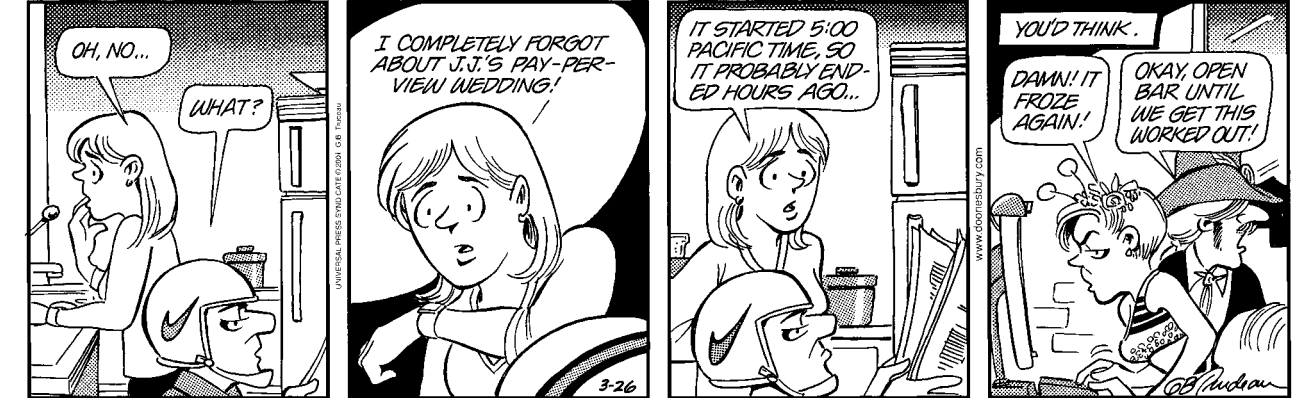
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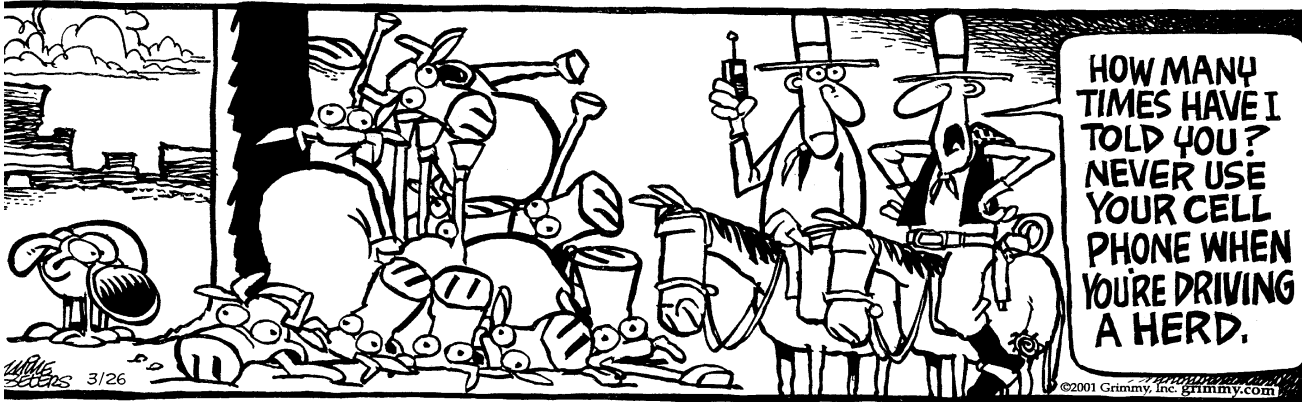
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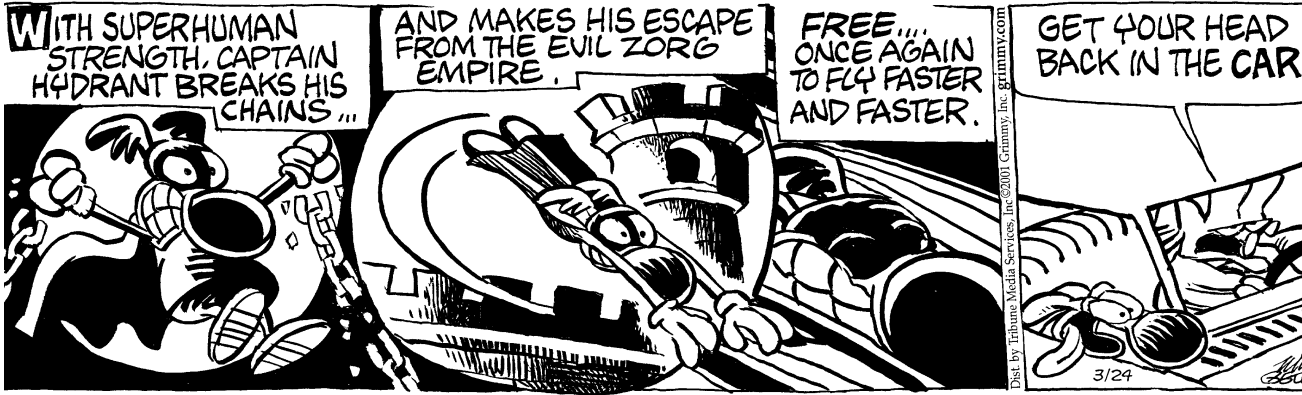
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Spoo names two new coaches to staff

Eastern head football coach Bob Spoo named two new assistant coaches Friday.

Spoo hired both an offensive and defensive line coach to replace the departure of o-line coach Charlie Roche and the promotion of d-line coach Chris Wilkerson to defensive coordinator.

Steve Farmer was named offensive line coach. Farmer was the tight end coach at Illinois State last season. Farmer will take over the job for Roche who accepted a job at San

Jose State.

“Steve was involved with very successful Illinois State teams as a player and part-time assistant, first under Todd Berry and then Denver Johnson, so he’s been around winning programs,” Panther head coach Bob Spoo said in a press release.

Farmer also coached defensive takcles for the Redbirds in 1999. As a player, a first-team All-Gateway Conference offensive lineman at ISU in 1998.

As a two-year letterwinner,

Farmer was also named a captain for Illinois State and was also a member of the Athletic Director’s Honor Roll in 1998.

Rocco Bellantoni was named as the Panthers’ new defensive line-man. Bellantoni was previously defensive coordinator at Drake University.

“Roc has a little more coaching experience having served as a coordinator at Drake, which has been among the best teams in the Pioneer League recently,” Spoo said. “He’s a

good fit for our defensive staff.”

Before serving as defensive coordinator, Bellantoni was the defensive line coach at Drake. The 1998 Drake team was conference champion.

Bellantoni was previously defensive line coach at Buena Vista (Iowa) University in 1995-97. He also coached both offensive and defensive lines at Mamoroneck (N.Y.) High School in 1993-1994.

The Panthers’ new d-line coach was a member of the University of Massachusetts Yankee Conference

Championship team and also lettered three times as a defensive tackle for Iona College.

Overall, Spoo is pleased with the two new, and young, additions to his coaching staff.

“Both are enthusiastic, knowledgeable coaches with great communication skills,” he said. “They are excited about this opportunity so we’re pleased to hire two young men with great work ethic that want to help move Eastern’s football program forward.”

Sweeps

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VanHooerebeck headed up the offensive explosion for the Panthers. The senior hit two homeruns, in going two for three with four RBI.

“My first at-bat I struck out, but in the second two at-bats they tried to get some fastballs over and I was able to make good contact,” VanHooerebeck said. “To tell the truth I was just trying to hit a fly ball.”

What made VanHooerebeck’s performance even more amazing was the fact that Saturday’s games was his first game situation in over seven games.

“I think it was very encouraging to see Bobby come back the way he did this weekend,” Schmitz said.

One of the reasons that Schmitz felt that the Panthers had such a good offensive day was the confidence that the pitchers were able to instill in the hitters with the way they were throwing the ball.

“The thing about the Murray weekend and this weekend is that I think that our hitters find it easier to hit when our

pitchers are throwing the ball well,” Schmitz said.

The Eastern hitters must have been brimming with confidence in game one as Panther ace Scott Metz threw a gem, allowing only two runs on just five hits.

“In game one, Scotty gives up two solo homeruns, hey we’ll take that every time,” Schmitz said. “The nice thing is that he is getting us out of some jams.”

Metz has thrown a complete game in each of his last two starts, while allowing just three runs in 14 innings of work, and has pushed his record to 3-1 on the season.

“I know I am not going to strike out a lot of people, because I don’t throw that hard, but that’s just the way I throw,” Metz said. “But if I can throw all three of my pitches over the plate, then it should be a good day for us.”

Not to be outdone on the hill junior Pete Martin threw the Panthers second gem of the day as he went 6 and 1/3 innings in game two. The righty gave up just one run on five hits while striking out a career high 11 as the Panthers took game two 3-2.

“I think in the first two games of the conference weekend, one of the main things is to give the team as many innings as Pete and I can,” Metz said. “If

we can go out there and throw six to seven innings consistently in those games, then we can throw the whole staff at teams on Sunday.”

Eastern’s bats weren’t as effective as they were in the first game but they were still able to get the job done.

The Panthers got all three of their runs in the third inning as first baseman Ben Duke broke a mini slump to start the inning with a line shot double to center field. After an out Keith Laski walked and VanHooerebeck doubled to bring in Duke.

After another out, catcher Tim Aurrichio got on base on a Colonel throwing error. The ball bounced up and inadvertently hit Aurrichio’s foot and went into right field which allowed Laski and VanHooerebeck to score.

“It was an accidental thing that happens sometimes,” Schmitz said. “It was good for us to get some of those breaks this weekend.”

Senior Mike Zirola came on to pitch the final two outs of the game and pick up his third save of the season to close out the Panther sweep.

Eastern will be in action this week with a road game at Illinois State on Tuesday and will host Indiana State on Wednesday.

Michigan State headed for NCAA Final Four

ATLANTA (AP) — Maybe it’s time to put Michigan State alongside storied teams like Kentucky, Duke and North Carolina.

The defending national champion Spartans took another step toward elitism Sunday, earning their third straight trip to the Final Four while denying John Chaney his first.

Even Michigan State’s hard-to-please coach had to admit this was something special.

“To be in three straight Final Fours says something about consistency,” Tom Izzo said after his Spartans held off Temple 69-62 to win the NCAA South Regional.

“Is our program looked at the same way as Kentucky and Duke and North Carolina? Maybe not. But we’re trying to get there.”

David Thomas scored 19 points, including a key 3-pointer with a minute to go, and Michigan State became just the ninth school to reach three straight Final Fours.

“I never though we would do it three years in a row,” senior Andre Hutson said. “You have to consider us an elite program now.”

The Spartans held off repeated runs by the 11th-seeded Owls to earn a meeting in Minneapolis with Arizona, an 87-81 winner over Illinois in the Midwest Regional in San Antonio.

Tennis

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play, limiting the competition to the first four players. While Tondel suffered a 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 loss to Vodicka, the Panthers captured the remaining three matches for the win.

“We just looked for three guys to step up and win singles and we did that,” Hunt said. “Blajej had a tough match at singles and it was a match he could have won later in the season.”

Pluta took a 7-5, 6-3 win over Kwong while C.J. Weber and Brandon Blankenbaker also won in two sets to seal Eastern’s win over Saint Louis.

“Last year Lukasj loss in three to that guy and came back to beat

him pretty soundly on Saturday,” Hunt said.

“I feel really confident going into the conference season. We are talented enough to win every match we’re in. We realize we can do this in the OVC.”

The women continued to compete with a slim lineup Saturday, but have stepped up its intensity to hang onto the Billikens, 4-1.

“I was very pleased with how we played Saturday,” Hunt said. “Being a little short-handed without Becky (Carlson) and Amber (Lenfert), I was a little worried about how we’d look.

“I’d say this is our best performance in awhile and our doubles performance was the best all year. This was a loss, but it’s nothing to dampen our enthusiasm.”

While Eastern suffered defeats in all three doubles matches, No. 1

“I’d say this is our best performance in a while and our doubles performance was the best all year. This was a loss, but it’s nothing to dampen our enthusiasm.”

Head tennis coach Michael Hunt on his women’s team’s effort Saturday.

doubles Becky Brunner and Caryn Hague held strong in a 9-7 loss against Jayasree Kuravilla and Vicki Zielinski.

Yovita Widyadharma and Kristi Martin also took a tough loss at the No. 2 doubles position, 8-6.

“We’re adjusting very well,” Hunt said. “It’s certainly difficult to step up a couple of spots in the line-up. It was less of an individual and more of the doubles performance that I was impressed with. That’s what gave us the spark.”

Brunner was the lone Panther to finish with a win over the Billikens, taking a 6-4, 6-0 win in the No. 1 singles position over Kuravilla.

“I thought Becky Brunner continued to look impressive,” Hunt said.

“She’s really picked it up since spring break.”

Eastern continues its non-conference competition Tuesday as the Panthers travel to Bradley University.

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Arizona ends Illinois' tournament run

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — They've put the distractions behind and lived up to their preseason No. 1 status for months. Now Arizona is headed to the Final Four.

Gilbert Arenas scored 18 of his 21 points in the first half and the Wildcats gave Illinois as much of a pounding as they took, carrying Arizona and coach Lute Olson into the Final Four with an 87-81 victory in the Midwest Regional final Sunday.

The Wildcats, 19-2 since beginning the season 8-5, earned a trip to Minneapolis for a national semifinal game against defending champion Michigan State on Saturday. The Spartans beat Temple 69-62 Sunday to win the South Regional.

Arizona (27-7) upheld the honor

of the Pac-10, which saw Stanford and Southern Cal get bumped in regional finals Saturday. The Wildcats are the conference's first team to make the Final Four since 1998, when Stanford did it.

Back in October, the Wildcats were talking about not just winning the title, but being among the best teams of all-time.

Then came the trouble: center Loren Woods suspended for six games to start the season; a one-game suspension for Richard Jefferson; the death of Olson's wife, Bobbi, beloved by generations of Wildcat players.

Another problem was selfishness among a starting lineup that featured five candidates for player of the year honors. This game showed how far they've come.

With Illinois (27-8) concentrating on stopping Woods and Michael Wright inside, the Wildcats kept the ball outside. On defense, Arizona shed its "soft" label and played as aggressively inside as any team the Illini saw in the Big Ten.

But Illinois' hard work in the paint paid off and midway through the second half a layup by Robert Archibald, who had a career-high 25 points, put the Illini up 56-54, their biggest lead of the game.

It didn't last long, though. Archibald fouled Luke Walton on the other end and his two free throws tied the game.

After Marcus Griffin missed the front end of a one-and-one, Woods put Arizona ahead for good, 58-56, with his first basket, a meek 2-foot-

er that bounced several times on the rim before falling through.

The Wildcats kept rolling for a 10-0 run that stretched the lead to 64-56. Griffin and Brian Cook fouled out for the Illini in that span, which Jason Gardner capped with an NBA 3-pointer and a pair of free throws.

The Illini got as close as 84-81 in the closing seconds, but Gardner and Woods buried three foul shots to seal Arizona's second victory over Illinois in three games this season.

This was the most physical of the three with the teams combining for 59 fouls and 81 free throws. The Wildcats took the most, hitting 43-of-56. Six Illini players fouled out.

Arenas, who had 13 points on 6-of-23 shooting in two previous

games against the Illini, made 7-of-10 in the first half and the Wildcats hit 56 percent of their shots. He missed all three of his second-half shots.

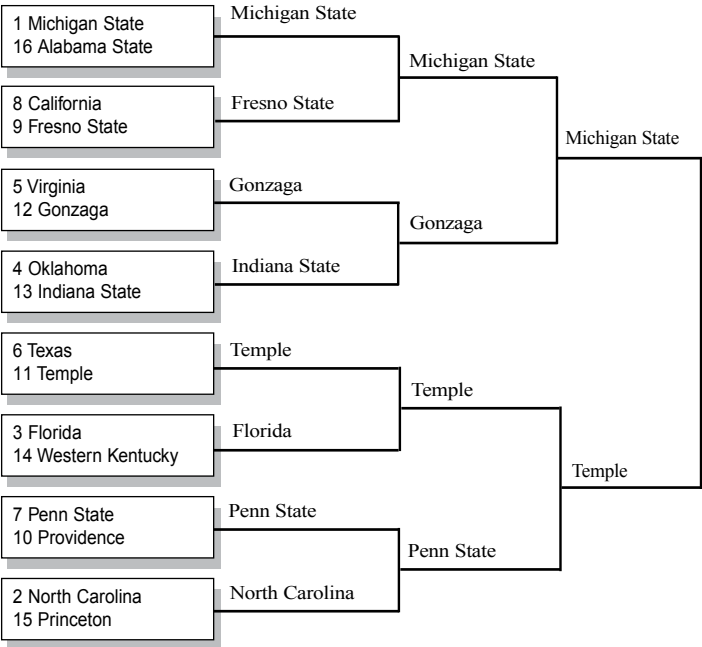
Instead, Woods came through, scoring 16 of his points in the second half. He was 3-of-3 from the field and 12-of-13 from the line. Gardner also had 18.

Illinois' Cory Bradford bounced back from a wretched 1-for-13 game in the regional semifinals to hit 8-of-14 shots including 6-of-11 3-pointers. He scored 25 points.

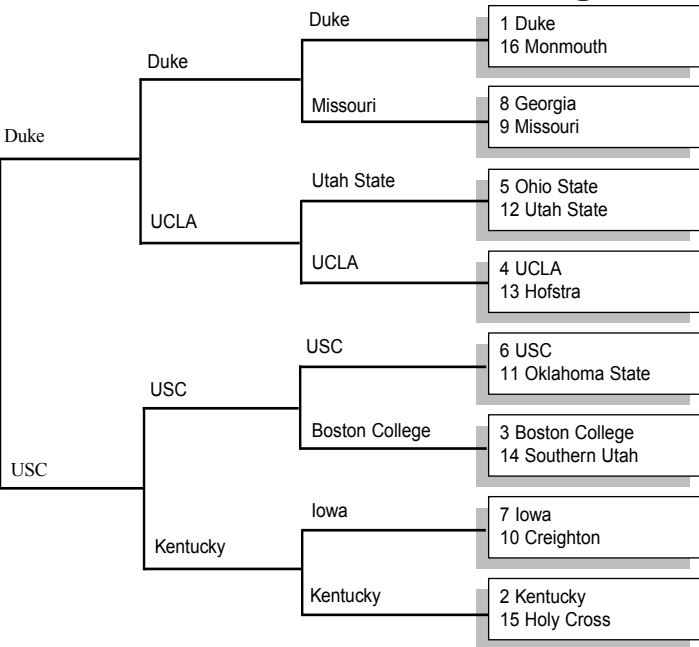
Illinois was trying to get back to the Final Four for the first time since 1989. The loss also prevented a second straight Big Ten showdown in the national semifinals. Michigan State beat Wisconsin last year.

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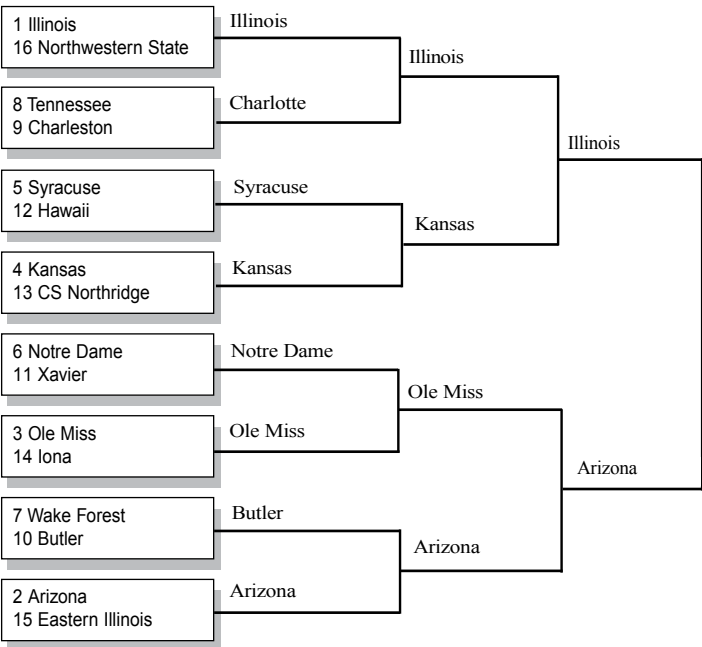
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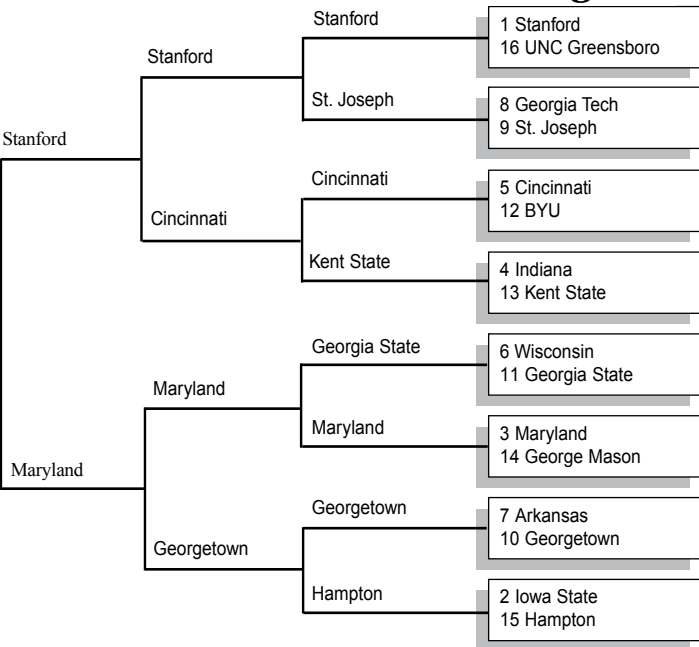
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The Bottom Line



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You can't beat Las Vegas and NCAA tourney

What a great time of the year. Every year the beginning of the NCAA tournament sees men of all ages flock to Las Vegas for a chance to bet on and watch all 60 games that lead to the Final Four (61 games this year with the play in game).

As I spent my spring break in Las Vegas, I was able to listen to people from all over the country share their information about the teams making this year's tourney.

It really shocked me that almost everybody I talked to actually knew something about Eastern's basketball team. And most of the people I conversed with knew who Henry Domercant and Kyle Hill were and knew they were two of the nation's top scorers.

I really found myself in awe of the knowledge I was surrounded by. Of course the information is pretty much useless because it's college basketball and not knowledge on how to solve world hunger, but it was interesting none the less.

What makes Las Vegas even more entertaining are point spreads. It really is a lot of fun to see a bunch of grown men jump up and down and scream at the television when there is a minute left in the game and their team is up by 18 points in a game with a 24-point spread.

However, for as silly as the jumping men looked, they must know what they're talking about.

The one thing that seemed to be a consensus at the sportsbook was that Arizona was going to go far in the tournament.

Not many people liked Eastern's shot of covering the 23-point spread, which it didn't, and many felt the Wildcats would be able to get past Illinois in the Midwest to land a spot in the Final Four.

What makes Arizona so special is its ability to work together as a team. Of course, it doesn't hurt when you have the most talented starting five in the country.

This is the lesson that Illinois learned on Sunday. It didn't help that the Fighting Illini had six of their big men foul out of the game, but they trailed for most of the contest anyway.

Now No. 2 seeded Arizona can look forward to No. 1 seeded Michigan State in Minneapolis while No. 3 Maryland will take on No. 1 Duke.

Now I'm starting to see the wisdom of the wise men who talked about an Arizona-Duke national championship game.

Too bad for Arizona that nobody can, or will, stop Duke and Shane Battier this year.

Two straight sweeps

Panther baseball team remains perfect in OVC with two wins over EKV



Adriene Weller/Staff photographer

Senior third baseman Chris Martin follows through on a swing during the Panthers' second game of the doubleheader against E. Kentucky Saturday.

By Anthony Braviere
Staff writer


Two strong pitching performances by Scott Metz and Pete Martin, and some help from Eastern's bats, helped the Panthers sweep visiting Eastern Kentucky 11-2 and 3-2 on Saturday.

The sweep puts Eastern in the top spot in the conference with a 5-0 record in the OVC.

"I think that this gets off to a good start for the rest of the season," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "We are limited to 21 conference games this season, so to be undefeated after the first two weekends is a very good start."

The two teams were supposed to play a third game at Monier Field Sunday, but due to the inclement weather, the game was postponed, and will not be made up.

"I struggled with the decision, but I was just looking out for the safety of the players on both

Baseball	Game 1	Game 2
	11	3
	2	2

teams," Schmitz said.

"The ground was frozen and the temperature was something like 21 degrees with a wind chill factor of two."

Saturday's games were very different in style, one was a blow-out and one was a nail biter.

In the first game the Eastern bats exploded for 11 runs on 13 hits off of two Eastern Kentucky pitchers.

Four Panther players had multiple hits, and six players had at least one RBI in the first game.

While third baseman Chris Martin extended his hitting streak to 12 games, centerfielder Bob

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Men win, women fall vs. Billikens



Adriene Weller/Staff photographer

(Above) Panther tennis player Yovita Widyarhama returns a shot in Eastern's matchup with Saint Louis University Saturday afternoon. The Billikens defeated Eastern 4-1.

(Top right) Eastern's Lukasz Pluta prepares to return a shot in the Panthers' 4-1 win over SLU.



Tennis teams see different fates over weekend against Saint Louis

By Kristin Rojek
Associate sports editor

The men's and women's tennis teams saw different fates Saturday against Saint Louis as the men defeated the Billikens 4-1 while the women fell 4-1.

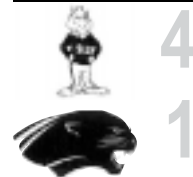
Men's Tennis



The men improved their record to 7-4, capturing two doubles wins and three singles wins over Saint Louis.

"Saint Louis is a good team now and will be better in the future," head coach Michael Hunt said. "I felt good we could knock them off now."

Women's Tennis



"We faced Saint Louis at home in our tournament last year and we lost several times, so I felt nervous about the matchups. Saint Louis is a good team and I knew they had the motivation to beat us."

The Panthers opened up with the doubles win after Blajez Tondel and Lukasz Pluta defeated Lance Vodicka and Thomas Kwong in the No. 1 doubles position, 8-4. Andy Baker and Ilyes Hassib took the No. 3 doubles with a 8-3 win.

"We're starting to get used to winning the doubles," Hunt said. "We have some incredible doubles players."

With the doubles point, Eastern moved into singles

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